

Pastor's Vision to Make Disciples in the Local Church

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DESCRIPTON: Raise up a core of multiplying disciples in the church through concentration on one to one mentoring & small groups, inculcating the basics, moving toward 3rd and 4th generation reproduction.

OUTLINE - Matthew 28:18-20 - See quote by Robert Coleman, Master Plan of Evangelism, pp 9 & 11

- I. **Vision & Context** - Multiplying Disciples to 3rd & 4th generation (diagram Lost Art, p 183) 2 Timothy 2:2
 - *The Church ought to be the 1st place for making 3rd and 4th generation disciples. Often the last.*
 - *Shoe Factory, The Lost Art of Disciple Making, LeRoy Eims, p. 59 / ***Born to Reproduce, Trotman 2Qs*
 - *Pastor Rouse Story ("I do not do that kind of thing") - Personal Testimony at 25 years ministry /Nashotah*

- II. **Approach of the Master** Mark 1 - Crowds & Core "Where is your man?" (*Born Reproduce, D. Trotman*)
 - *Circles Diagram - Simple Church Movement / McDonald-ization and Martha-ization of the church*
 - *How is Church context different than Para-church? Comprehensive and Specialized Acts 6, 1 Tim. 5*
 - *Billy Graham statement in Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert Coleman /John Maxwell Diagram 22 Rules*
 - *Salvation "I have learned the hard way that it is impossible to disciple the spiritually dead" /Chairs Diagram*
 - *Selection "Do not get heavily involved with a half-hearted man" JB / "Go deep versus wide" JC / FAT*
 - *Association, Life on Life 24/7- "We teach what we know; we reproduce what we are.", etc...*

- III. **The Process** Colossians 2:6-7 What, Who, How ? The Lost Art of Disciple Making, by Leroy Eims, p. 183
 - 1) Convert - Tools such as Steps to Peace, Personal Testimony, Your Spiritual Journey, Bridge, 4 Laws, etc...
 - 2) Disciple - Tools such as Beginning with Christ, 7 Minutes w. God, the Wheel, 30 Discipleship Exe, 2:7...
 - 3) Worker - Tools such as Word Hand, TMS, Soul Winner & Establisher, How Spend Day Prayer, lead study...
 - 4) Co-Laborer - Ready to take on Responsibility as part of a team toward reduplicating the whole process.

- IV. **Application** - Take it home James 1:22 / Head to Heart to Hands to Heels {diagram accountability handout}

SOME KEY QUESTIONS (Q and A)

- 1) What about small groups?
- 2) Do we start at the top or the bottom? What about families, elderly, children, uninterested, confirmation?
- 3) What is Key Man all about?
- 4) I am a layperson, how to approach my pastor? I am a pastor, where do I begin? (Begin small, time, etc...)
- 5) Be aware of other ministries that tend to use the framework of this process. Celebrate Recovery, Awana...
- 6) Other???

ADDITIONAL HANDOUTS (Attached)

- 1) Key diagrams sheet (based on PowerPoint overheads)
- 2) Key verses sheet
- 3) Key quotes sheet
- 4) Various optional handouts: Testimony worksheet, Your Spiritual Journey, Accountability Sheet, etc...

SOME KEY SCRIPTURES

MANDATE TO MAKE DISCIPLES & WHAT THIS MEANS

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” BKV

THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. NKJV

THE MASTER'S PLAN and POWER SOURCE (*On power source in the Holy Spirit, see also, Acts 1:6, 8*)

Mark 1:16–18; 35-38 Jesus... came saying “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” 16. And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17. Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18. They immediately left their nets and followed Him...

35. Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. 37. When they found Him, they said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.”

38. But He said to them, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

COMPREHENSIVE CONTEXT IN LOCAL CHURCH

Acts 6:1-4 ...there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2. Then the 12 summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4. but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

1 Timothy 5:9-10 9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, 10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

THE PROCESS

Colossians 2:6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving. NKJV

HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEELS (*Teach them to obey... Matt. 28:19*)

Luke 6:45 - Why are you so polite with me saying “Yes Sir” and “That’s right” but never do a thing I tell you? MESSAGE (*On Obedience / consecration, see also John 14:21, Romans 12:1-2*)

James 1:22 - Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says NIV

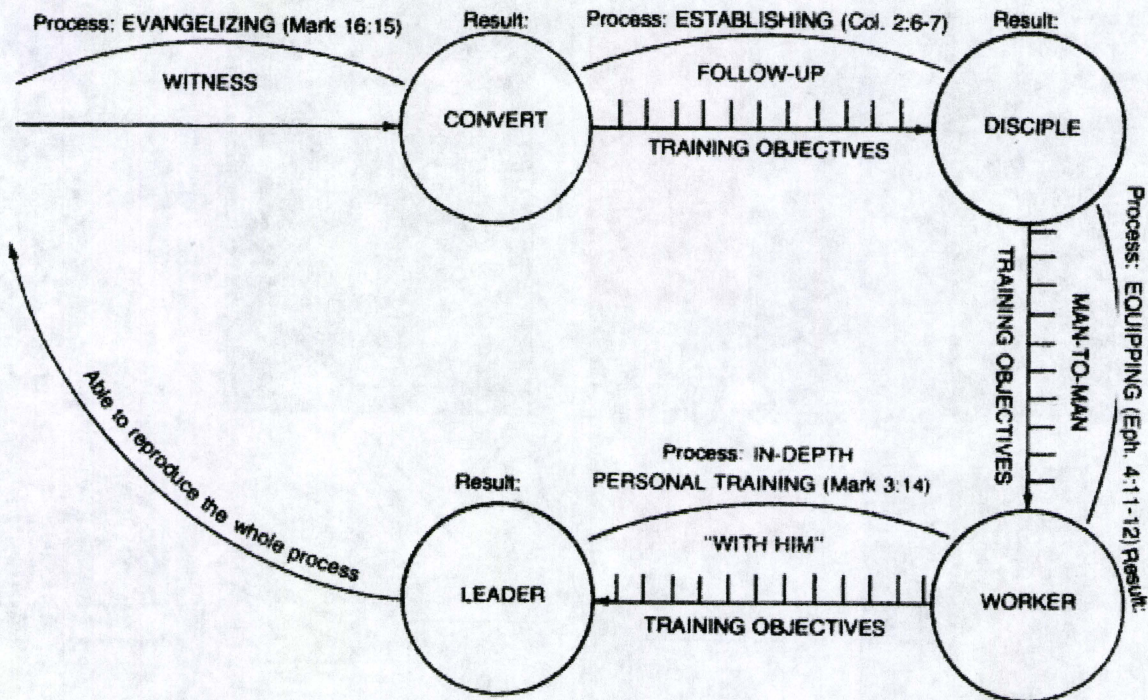
MATURITY / HOLINESS

Colossians 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ESV (*“Salvation for all men; salvation from all sin” - Robert Coleman*)

THE WORD SPOKE

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

People, Property, Programs, Product, Process. What comes 1st?



STAGES OF THE PROCESS: 1) Witness (CONVERT), 2) Follow-Up (DISCIPLE), 3) Man to Man (WORKER), 4) With Him (LEADER or Co-LABORER)

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT: (A) some general principles, B) some basic training objectives, and C) some helpful tools for each stage.

**Original Diagram, The Lost Art of Disciple Making, Leroy Eims, p. 183*

**For a testimony of how this played out in the ministry of one of the 1st official overseas Navigator missionaries, see Roy Robertson, The Timothy Principle: How to Disciple One on One.*

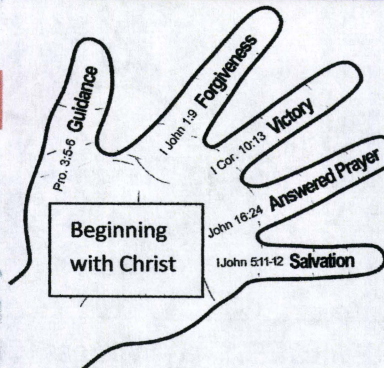
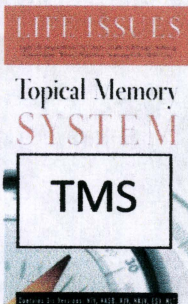
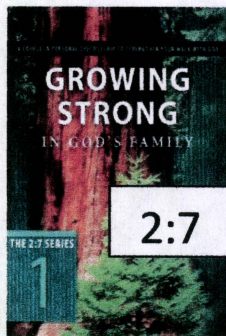
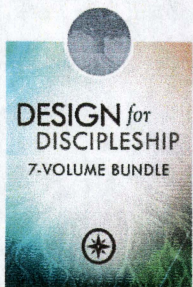
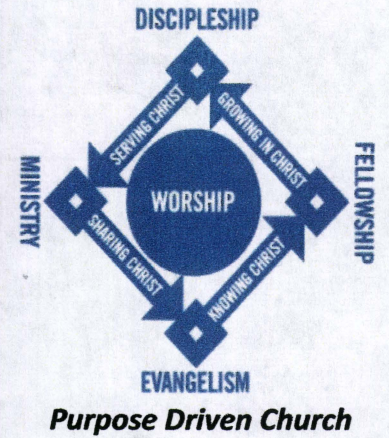
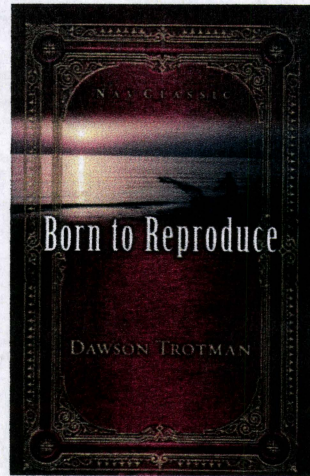
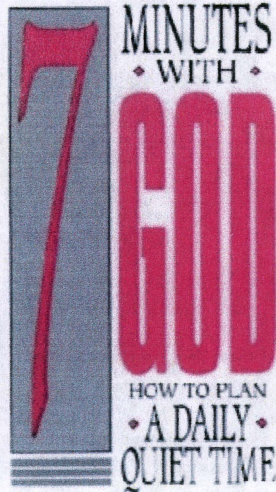
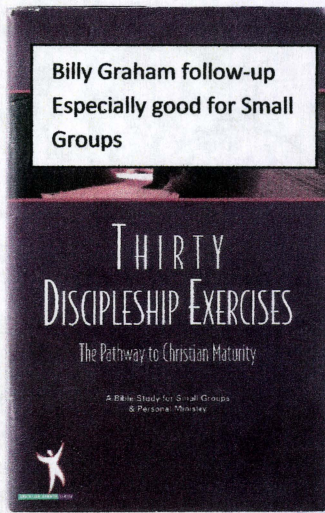
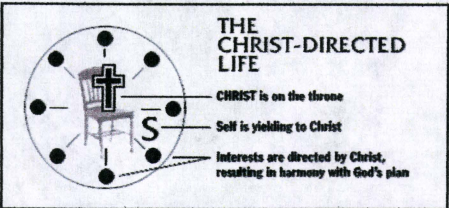
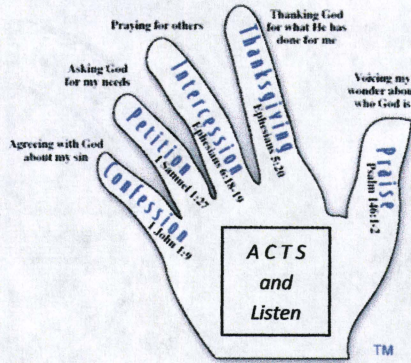
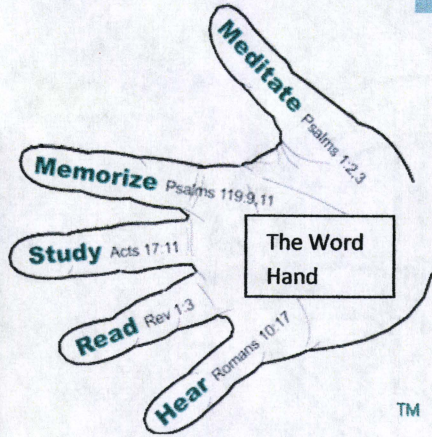
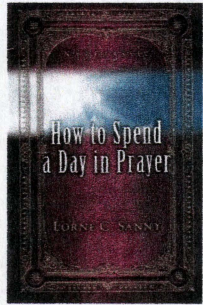
SAMPLE VISUAL TOOLS

Agape Love

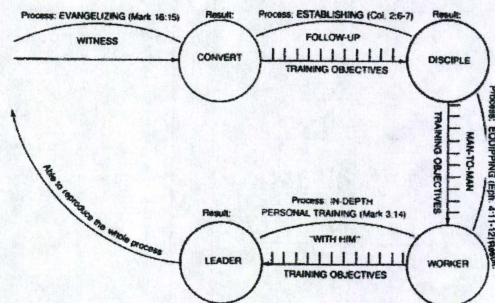
PERSONAL TESTIMONY Start with a Simple 3-Point Outline

<http://christianity.about.com/od/testimonies/a/howtotestimony.htm>

A three-point approach is very effective in communicating your personal testimony. The outline focuses on **before** you trusted Christ, **how** you surrendered to him, and the difference **since** you've been walking with him



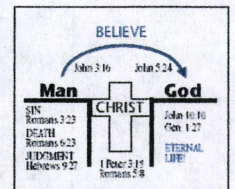
Wheel Diagram



Stages of the process: Witness (CONVERT), Follow-Up (DISCIPLE), Man to Man (WORKER), With Him (LEADER or Co-LABORER)

Besides overall principles, there are basic training objectives, and helpful tools for each stage.

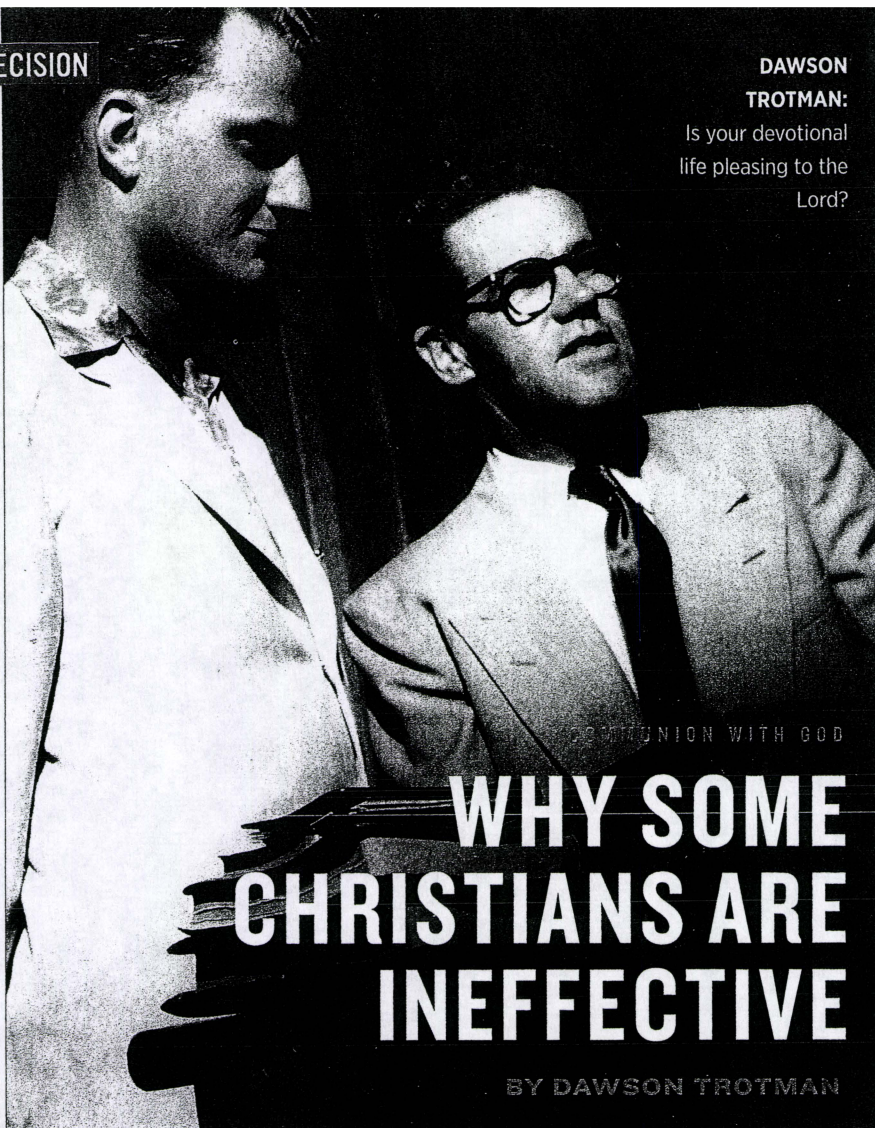
See The Lost Art of Disciple Making, Leroy Eims, p. 183



Bridge Diagram

DAWSON
TROTMAN:

Is your devotional
life pleasing to the
Lord?



WHY SOME CHRISTIANS ARE INEFFECTIVE

BY DAWSON TROTMAN

Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, was instrumental in developing the follow-up materials and procedures that BGEA still uses today with those who make decisions for Christ. In 1955, Trotman gave a message, later published as a booklet titled *Born to Reproduce*, that has blessed thousands over the past 59 years. Here is an excerpt from that message:

► **SOME TIME AGO** I talked to 29 missionary candidates. They were graduates of universities or Bible schools or seminaries. As a member of the board, I interviewed each one over a period of five days, giving each candidate from half an hour to an hour.

Among the questions I asked were two that are very important. The first one had to do with their devotional life. "How is your devotional life?" I asked them. "How is the time you

spend with the Lord? Do you feel that your devotional life is what the Lord would have it to be?"

Out of this particular group of 29, only one person said, "I believe my devotional life is what it ought to be." To the others my question then was, "Why is your devotional life not what it should be?"

"Well, you see, I am here at this summer institute," was a common reply. "We have a concentrated course.

We do a year's work in only 10 weeks. We are so busy."

I said, "All right. Let's back up to when you were in college. Did you have victory in your devotional life then?"

"Well, not exactly."

The other question I asked them was: "You are going out to the foreign field. You hope to be used by the Lord in winning men and women to Christ. Is that right?"

"Yes."

"You want them to go on and live the victorious life, don't you? You don't want them just to make a decision and then go back into the world, do you? Then may I ask you something more? How many persons do you know by name today who were won to Christ by you and are living for Him?"

The majority had to admit that they were ready to cross an ocean and learn a foreign language, but they had not won their first soul who was going on with Jesus Christ. A number of them said that they got many people to go to church; others said they had persuaded some to go forward when the invitation was given.

I asked, "Are they living for Christ now?"

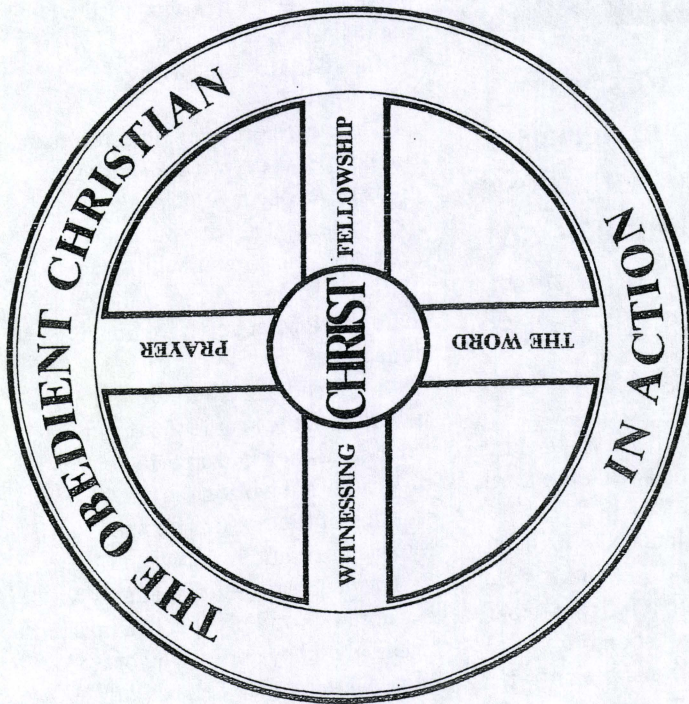
Their eyes dropped. I then continued, "How do you expect that by crossing an ocean and speaking in a foreign language with people who are suspicious of you, whose way of life is unfamiliar, you will be able to do there what you have not yet done here?"

We traced back and found that never since they came to know the Savior had they had a period of victory in their devotional lives. That was one of the reasons for their sterility—lack of communion with Christ.

These questions do not apply to missionaries and prospective missionaries only. They apply to all of God's people. Every one of His children ought to be a reproducer. **D**

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THE WHEEL



The key to living a victorious, Spirit-filled Christian life is Jesus Christ as the Center and Lord of all we do. With Christ in control, life is balanced and effective. The Wheel illustrates this Christ-centered life.

- Christ the Center** Galatians 2:20; John 15:5; Colossians 1:27
- Obedience to Christ** John 14:21; Romans 12:1, 2; Luke 6:46
- The Word** I Peter 2:2; II Timothy 3:16, 17; Joshua 1:8
- Prayer** Matthew 7:7; Philippians 4:6, 7; John 15:7
- Fellowship** Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24, 25; I John 1:3
- Witnessing** Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16; I Peter 3:15

Just as the driving force in a wheel comes from the hub; so the power to live the Christian life comes from Jesus Christ the Center. He lives in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit, whose expressed purpose is to glorify Christ. The rim represents the Christian responding to Christ's Lordship through wholehearted, day-by-day obedience to Him.

(over)

The spokes show the means by which Christ's power becomes operative in our lives. We maintain personal contact with God through the vertical spokes—the Word and prayer. **The Word** is our spiritual food as well as our sword for spiritual battle. It is the foundational spoke for effective Christian living.

Opposite this is the spoke representing **Prayer**. Through prayer we have direct communication with our heavenly Father and receive provision for our needs. As we pray we show our dependence upon and trust in Him.

The horizontal spokes concern our relationship to people—believers, through Christian fellowship; and unbelievers, through witnessing. **Fellowship** centered around the Lord Jesus Christ provides the mutual encouragement, admonition and stimulation we all need.

The first three spokes prepare us for passing on to others all that we have received from the Lord. This is accomplished through **Witnessing**, sharing our own experience of Christ and declaring and explaining the Gospel, God's power to save.

BEGINNING WITH CHRIST

Assurance of Salvation KJV
1 John 5:11-12

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

1 John 5:11-12

1 *Beginning with Christ*

Assurance of Victory KJV
1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

3 *Beginning with Christ*

Assurance of Answered Prayer KJV
John 16:24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

2 *Beginning with Christ*

Assurance of Forgiveness KJV
1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

4 *Beginning with Christ*

Assurance of Guidance KJV
Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

TRAINING CURRICULUM :

| | WHAT | HOW | WHEN |
|----------------------|--|---|--|
| KNOWLEDGE | What knowledge do we want him to have? | How shall we teach him this knowledge? | When will we know he has attained this knowledge? |
| SKILLS | What skills do we want him to have? | How shall we train him these skills? | When will we know he has attained these skills? |
| CHARACTER CONVICTION | What character / convictions do we want him to have? | How shall we build these convictions into his life? | When will we know he has attained these convictions? |

D. Five Steps in Helping a Man

1. Tell Him WHY
2. Show him HOW
3. Get him STARTED
4. Keep him GOING
5. Get him to reproduce in another life

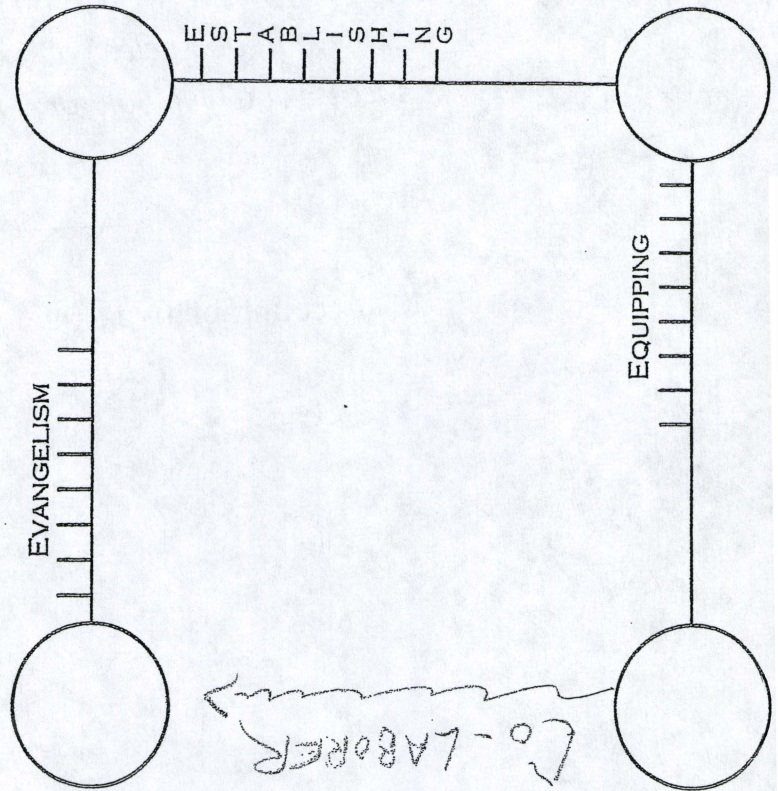
Questions:

- How do Knowledge, Skills, and Conviction appear in each of the 5 steps?
- How do you get the person started?
- Should you just dump the laborer into the deep water and see if he can swim, or do you gradually involve him?
- How do you keep a laborer going?
- How specifically, do you encourage progress?
- How do you work at getting reproduction?

II. WHAT IS THIS MINISTRY

Intimate sharing of life and the Bible in a mentor-pupil relationship of mutual commitment for maximum teaching, training and transference of Knowledge, Skills, and Character for establishing the person as a solid disciple and/or equipping him as a lifetime laborer in all aspects of spiritual development.

III. WHEN SHOULD THIS BE DONE?



REACHING INDIVIDUAL GOALS

Hebrews 12:1 "Let us run with patience the race set before us."

ACTION

RESULT

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Set a goal... | 6 to 8% (more likely to achieve it) |
| 2. Set and write it down... | 25 to 30% |
| 3. If you set a goal, write it down, and verbally share it with another person... | 55 to 60% |
| 4. If you set a goal, write it down, verbally share it with another person, and have an accountability partner... | 85% |

[When you set, write, and verbalize the goal, include why you want to achieve it, obstacles you expect to face, benchmarks and signs of success you will look for, sacrifices required, benefits and rewards]

My goal _____

My Accountability partner will be _____